

**Area 30-Alcoholics Anonymous  
Cooperation with the Professional Community  
P.O. Box 51411  
Boston, MA 02205-1411**

Dear Dr. \_\_\_\_\_:

Thank you for your interest in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) through the “Adopt a Doctor” program. This program is part of the “Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)” committee that works with the professional community (doctors, clergy, school counselors, etc.). Our task is to bring accurate information about AA to professionals who might come into contact with individuals who may have a drinking problem.

As a doctor, you can have a powerful impact on a patient who may be an alcoholic simply by having information about AA available to pass on. Therefore, we have included a few pieces of AA literature and a catalog that describes books, pamphlets and audiovisual material available for you to order. For additional material you may visit our general website: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).

Our committee places importance on informing professionals about the truth of what AA is as well as what it is not. Our entire purpose is simply to be available to reach out and assist any suffering alcoholic. We would like to offer ourselves to you as an additional tool for your use in treating your patients. We, of the CPC Committee, would also like to extend to you and your staff an offer to come to your site and provide a short presentation and answer any questions you may have. Our committee also offers an “Accompany a Professional to a Meeting” service for Doctors who would like attend an “open” AA meeting with an AA member. Should you determine that either service would be beneficial for you and/or your staff or you would like to be in touch with a CPC committee member, please free to contact us at [cpc@aaemass.org](mailto:cpc@aaemass.org).

To obtain a list of meetings in the Boston area, you can call Boston Central Services at 617-426-9444 or go to the Boston area website at [www.aaboston.org](http://www.aaboston.org). Boston Central Services can also give you information about National Intergroups that can connect individuals to meetings nationally.

Our literature is interpretive of the AA experience and not the general subject of alcoholism. For information on alcoholism, you might wish to contact one of the following:

National Clearinghouse for  
Alcohol & Drug Information  
P.O. Box 2345  
Rockville, MD 20852-2345  
(800) 729-6686, [www.health.org](http://www.health.org)

National Council on Alcoholism  
and Drug Dependence  
20 Exchange Place, Suite 2902  
New York, NY 10005-3201  
(212) 269-7797, [www.ncadd.org](http://www.ncadd.org)

Friends and family members of a person with a drinking problem may be helped by contacting the Al-Anon Family Groups. Al-Anon FAMILY Groups 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617. Worldwide: 888-4AL-ANON, Literature Distribution Center: 508-366-4663, MA headquarters: 508-366-0556, website: [www.ma-al-anon-alateen.org](http://www.ma-al-anon-alateen.org).

We welcome any opportunity to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic. Perhaps by sharing with you who we are, you may be able to encourage a patient in need to seek us out for themselves.

Sincerely yours,  
AA General Service  
CPC Committee

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